

June 13, 2002

Dear West Oakland Community Residents:

Thank you for participating in the May 20, 2002 community meeting regarding the District's proposed renewal of the Title V Permit for LeSaffre Yeast Corporation (Red Star). Your concerns are important to the Air District and we have taken a number of additional steps to ensure that this facility meets all applicable air quality requirements and to provide you with requested information. These measures include:

- enhanced complaint surveillance and response
- testing, by an independent laboratory, of process and cooling water (test results received on 6/11/02 showed no detectable levels for vinyl chloride)
- source testing during a complete batch process
- coordination of information and assistance with other agencies, i.e., USEPA, Alameda County Health

During the community meeting, staff received and recorded over 50 questions related to various issues. We also received a written document listing an additional 40 questions. Enclosed are the Air District's responses to all of these questions. In addition, we are continuing to work with community and environmental groups to assist them in gathering information in preparation for the LeSaffre Title V Public Hearing to take place on June 20, 2002. A notice for the Public Hearing is enclosed.

If you have any questions, please contact Christine Schaufelberger, Public Advisor at 415-749-4779, cschaufelberger@baaqmd.gov or Darrell Waller, Public Information Officer II at 415-749-4989, dwaller@baaqmd.gov.

Sincerely yours,

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